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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA MEDIA ON ANGOLA

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REF: GABORONE 1565 (NOTAL)

1. GOVERNMENT OWNED RADIO BOTSWANA CARRIED STORY MORNING
DECEMBER 17, SUPPOSEDLY SUMMARIZED FROM PARIS REUTERS REPORT,
THAT "HIGH OFFICIAL TRAVELLING WITH THE SECRETARY HAD IMPLIED" THAT
USG
BEGAN ASSISTANCE TO UNITA AND FNLA BEFORE THE SOVIETS BEGAN AID TO
MPLA.

2. GOVERNMENT-PRINTED BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS OF DECEMBER 17
FEATURED TWO LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ABOUT ANGOLA WHICH
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WERE PRO-MPLA AND ANTI-U.S. ONE LETTER WAS FROM ARUSHA,

TANZANIA (IT IS UNUSUAL TO SEE LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM OUTSIDE OF BOTSWANA) AND WAS EXTREMELY RADICAL DIATRIBE. SECOND LETTER, FROM READER IN GABORONE, WAS MORE REASONED BUT CALLED FOR SUPPORT TO MPLA TO COMBAT SOUTH AFRICAN "AGGRESSION" IN ANGOLA.

3. COMMENT: GOB MEDIA COVERAGE OF OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED WITH BOTH RADIO AND NEWSPAPER STORIES MAINLY REPLACING REUTERS ITEMS VERBATIM. WE HAVE NOT SEEN FULL REUTERS TEXT FROM WHICH DECEMBER 17 RADIO "SUMMARY" TAKEN, SO WE CANNOT ASSESS ACCURACY OF SUMMARY. WE ARE STRUCK, HOWEVER, BY PRO-MPLA LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WHEN GOB IS OFFICIALLY NEUTRAL AND PRIVATELY MORE COMFORTABLE WITH UNITA. BOTH EDITOR AND ACTING EDITOR OF DAILY NEWS ARE ON LEAVE. THIS, COMBINED WITH THE USUAL LOOSE SUPERVISION BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, COULD HAVE BEEN REASON FOR PRO-MPLA LETTERS APPEARING WITHOUT ANY BALANCING STORY OR LETTER. THOMSEN

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